

September 2, 2018



**IN THE  
Spotlight**

- **Ladies Day Retreat: IMPORTANT MEETING !!!** The last meeting for the Ladies Day Retreat will be held on **September 9th**, immediately after Bible Class. The meeting will be in the fellowship hall (new building) . If you are attending, please be present to discuss deadlines, collections and logistics.

**POC: Sis. Lori Stevenson or Sis. Roslyn Correia.**

- **Kisha Redcross: KJ is back in school and our addresses are below;**

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- **Sister Alexis Victoria Bellamy:** Dale City Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the generosity you showed me with your gift. Words can never tell you what your congratulations and kind heart has meant to me. The gift of your acknowledgement and genuine thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. Thank you so much! With Love.

- **Charles Town Church of Christ: 6th Annual Ladies Day.**

**“Breathe!”**

**Guest Speaker: Linda Norris**

**September 29, 2018, registration: 8:30 - 9:00 am**

**1587 Old Country Club Road, Charles Town, WV 25414**

- **Silver Spring Church of Christ:**

**Ladies Inspirational Day**

**“Sowing Seeds In Difficult Times” (1 Corinthians 3:6)**

**Saturday, October 20, 2018 , 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**100 East Franklin Avenue, Silver Springs, MD 20901**

- **Mount Vernon Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day;**

**“Strengthen Your Sister” Luke 22:31-32**

**October 27, 2018**

**8607 Jeff Todd Way, Alexandria, VA. 22309**

- **Gail Flemons:** If you or someone you know is adept at creating floral arrangements, please contact me. Sister Deborah Reeves is in need of someone with those skill sets.



# From the Shepherd's Desk

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Many times when you are just cruising the internet and checking on activities of other churches, you stumble on short messages which gain your attention. Below is a message that got my attention. We, as Christians, must always be aware that our actions sometimes speak louder than words. I pray God enrich your life through His Word.*

## *Being an Example*

*By: Brinkworth*

***“nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. 9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.” II Thess. 3:8-9***

One very important task every Christian is responsible for is to be a good, Christian example to others. Many do not read the Word of God for themselves, have not learned what God has for them to do, and are more reliant on a godly example than they should be. It is dangerous to their spirituality to totally follow someone else, but it is common.

For this reason Paul, the Apostle, was very aware of eyes attuned to his behavior and actions and wrote some important points to be “... an example to imitate ...”. In II Thessalonians 3, he pointed some of them out:

That obedience and understanding of God’s Word would be seen in his life, and that God would get the glory. If we are a godly example for someone, it should always be God and His work that gets the glory, not us! “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:” II Thes. 3:1

Keep your distance from others that are not doing right (“disorderly”), even if they are Christians (“brethren”). He defines “disorderly” in verse 11 as those that are lazy and not working, and those that are meddling in other people business (“busybodies”). Association with those type of people may give others the impression that you are also like the crowd you are with. “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.” II Thes. 3:6

Do not stop living and doing right. Others around you, even Christians, may be acting worldly, not obeying God, or not involved in reaching others for Christ, but that is no reason for you to abandon your post! Keep on keepin’ on, no matter what others are doing. Do not get tired of doing it alone. “But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.” II Thes. 3:13

It would be better for all if each Christian would faithfully read God’s Word, and obey all that he is shown in its preserved pages, but not many do that. They often follow the actions and behavior of those they associate with. With this reality in mind, our responsibility to be a proper, godly “example” is thrust on us. Lead those that are watching or following your example down the right paths. There are eyes on your testimony — constantly!

Rob Wilson, Elder